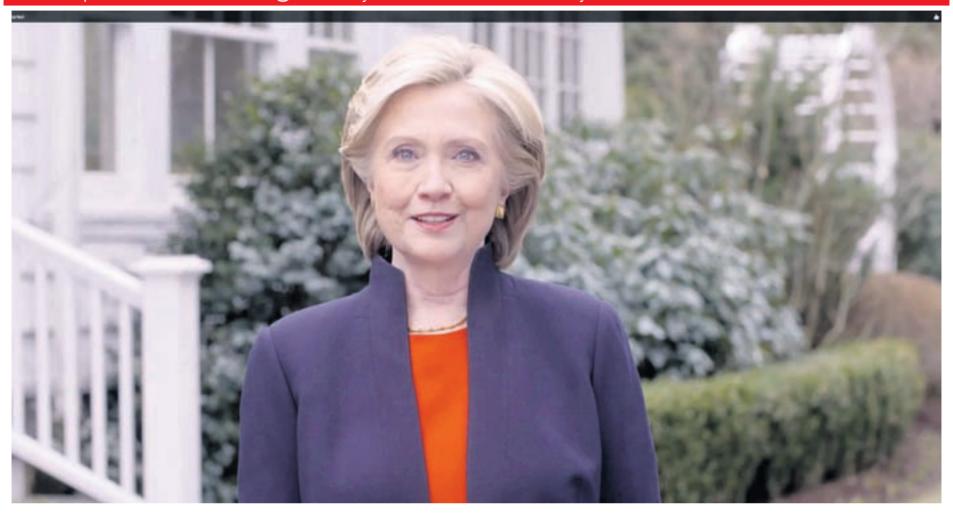
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In this image taken from video posted to hillaryclinton.com on Sunday, April 12, 2015, Hillary Rodham Clinton announces her campaign for president.

Hilary Clinton launches presidential campaign

Associated Press for the White House on Americans.

Sunday, posting a video The former first lady, U.S. WASHINGTON (AP) — Hill- declaring that she will foary Rodham Clinton an- cus on greater economic nounced her much-await- security and opportunity ed second campaign for middle-class and poor

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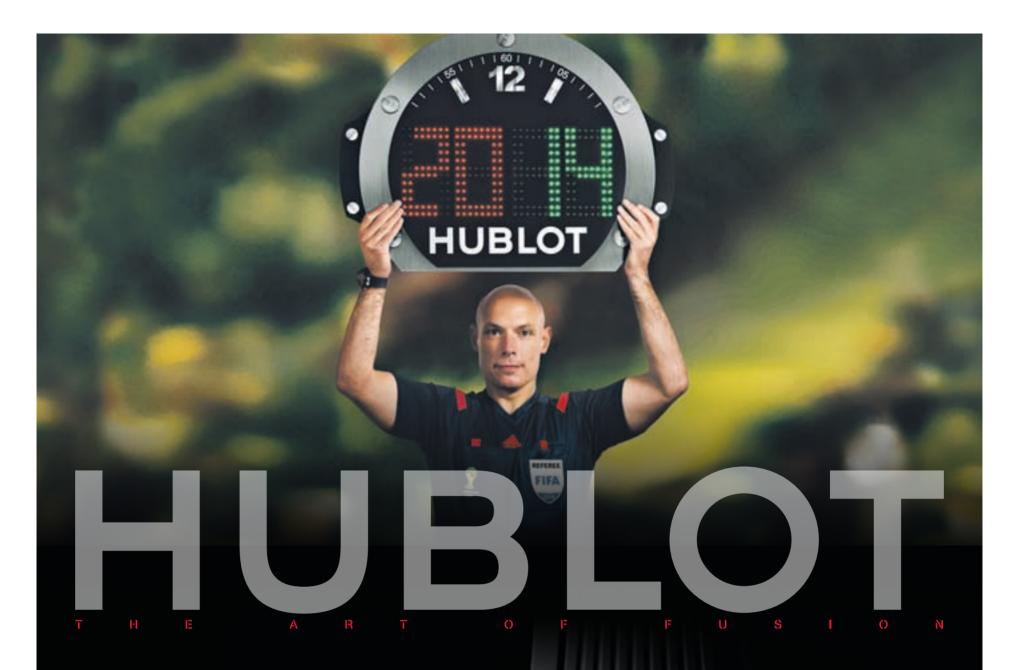
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Hilary Clinton

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Everyday Americans need a champion and I want to be that champion," Clinton said, speaking only at the end of the video message which features a series of men, women and children describing their aspirations.

Clinton plans to head to the early-voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire, looking to connect with voters directly at coffee shops, day care centers and some private homes. Clinton hopes to avoid making the same stumbles she did in 2008, when she entered the race as a U.S. senator and a heavy favorite only to be upset by Barack Obama in Iowa's lead-off caucuses.

She concluded by saying, "So I'm hitting the road to earn your vote. Because it's your time. And I hope you'll join me on this journey."

voter-centric proach was picked with a purpose, to show that Clinton is not taking the nomination for granted. Only after about a month of such events will Clinton will give a broader speech outlining more specifics about her rationale for running.

The 67-year-old Clinton brings a long public record to her second bid for the White House, a history that will both help and hurt her candidacy. Republicans were already pushing a message that seeks to attach her to the scandalous



An unknown artist placed a poster on a traffic signal in front of the building where Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign offices are located, Sunday, April 12, 2015 in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Associated Press

upheavals of her husband Bill Clinton's two-term presidency in the 1990s.

What's more, she intends to cast herself as a tenacious fighter determined to block the growing power of an increasingly rightwing Republican party that has sought to block Obama's agenda at every turn and now controls both chambers of Congress...

Obama said on Saturday that he thinks Clinton "would be an excellent president." After Obama defeated Republican Sen. John McCain in 2008, he named her secretary of state, a job she used in an attempt to rebuild U.S. relations with countries around the world that had become critical of the American war in Iraq, which she had voted to authorize as a senator from New York.

Clinton enters the race with polls showing her in a strong position to succeed Obama. However, she will have to overcome history to win election. In the last half-century, the same party has held the White House for three consecutive terms only once, during the administrations of Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

counter Clinton's strong resume by casting her as someone who is not trustworthy. Republicans have jumped on her use of a personal rather than a government email account and a server located in her New York home while she was secretary of state. Republicans will try to They have also raised ques-

tions about donations from foreign governments to the Clinton family's foundation. She remains under fire from Republicans over her handling of the September 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Libya, that took the lives of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.



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First Iran, now Cuba: Breakthroughs and hard sells for Obama

JIM KUHNHENN **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After triumphs abroad, President Barack Obama is finding stern challenges at home to his foreign policy breakthroughs, facing hard sells to skeptics over U.S. shifts, first on Iran and now Cuba. Obama returned to Washington early Sunday still basking in the attention from his historic meeting with Cuban President Raul Castro at a summit of Western Hemisphere leaders. But Obama is certain to find a less appreciative crowd in Congress than the one he left behind at the Summit of the Americas in Panama.

To complete a nuclear agreement with Iran, Obama must deal with re-



U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro shake hands during their meeting at the Summit of the Americas in Panama City, Panama, Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Associated Press

sistance in Congress and the unpredictability of the Iranian leadership, which has a distinctly different interpretation of what the sides have settled on so far.

Cuba and Iran offer Obama, whose term ends in early 2017, the potential for legacy-crowning achievements. Iran may prove a greater chal-

gether they are subjecting Obama's foreign policy to the kind of scrutiny that most international issues, short of war, rarely draw.

Obama made clear in a closing news conference late Saturday in Panama City that he believes he can handle the twin trials. The American public is on his side on Cuba, the president said, and he had tough words for Republicans defying him on Iran.

Both have their roots in de-

cades of grievances. Both have had constituencies in the U.S. deeply mistrustful of the governments with which Obama is dealing. Pro-Israel Americans cannot fathom a deal with an Iran that will not recognize Israel's existence. And for long, Cuban-Americans who escaped Fidel Castro's revolution could not imagine a U.S. government not committed to ousting the Havana government.

On the flip side, Cuba is hardly the threat Iran could be. Public opinion no longer demonizes Cuba. In the end, Obama's efforts to re-establish normal relations looks like the lesser burden.

When it comes to Cuba, "the American people don't need to be persuaded," Obama said.

Still, there are signs that not

all the barriers are falling. Castro, in a lengthy speech at the summit, recited a litany of objections to past U.S. policies. The room where Obama and Castro met displayed no flags,

sponsors of terrorism. Such own security."

tions.

lenge than Cuba, but to- a decision, recommended by the State Department, could come in days. Obama would have to notify Congress. Lawmakers do not have to ratify the decision, but they have 45 days to disapprove it.

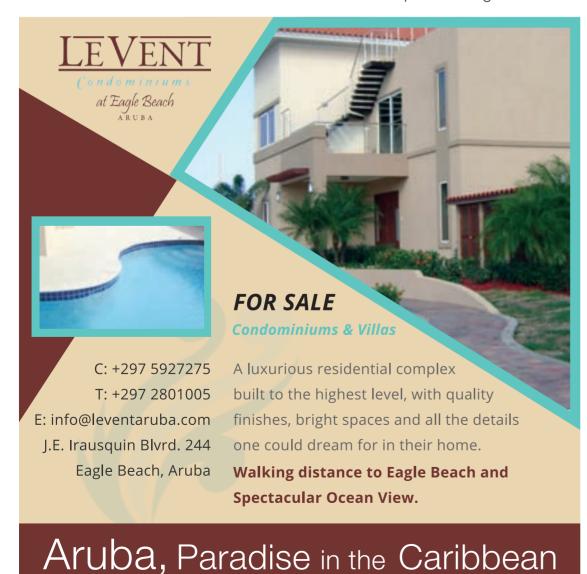
> Such a vote, if attempted, probably would not succeed. But the issue is percolating just as 2016 presidential candidates are jumping into the race.

> Florida, once the center of anti-Castro activism, is a pivotal presidential state, and some Republican candidates will try for a political upper hand by accusing Obama of weakening America's place in the world.

> "President Obama's foreign policy has been one appeasement toward autocratic dictators, thugs, and adversaries after another," Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican toying with a presidential run, said amid news Obama was to sit down with Castro.

> The White House hardly appears worried about the politics of Cuban diplomacy, given that support for ending more than 50 years of U.S. isolation of the island nation crosses party and geographic lines.

"Perhaps the most important difference is that while Iran is inherently a security issue, today Cuba is the opposite," said Carl Meacham, a former senior Republican aide on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who now is a director at the Center for as is traditional in bilateral Security and International meetings, and offered a Studies. "If he removes stark reminder of the ab- Cuba for the list of state sence of diplomatic rela-sponsors of terror, President Obama will demonstrate Obama's next step is re-that the United States can moving Cuba from the no longer reasonably look United States' list of state at Cuba as a threat to our







NRA leaders warn members of looming gun-control efforts

ERIK SCHELZIG Associated Press NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

 Leaders of the National Rifle Association on Saturday cited the new Republican majority in the U.S. Senate as evidence of the gun rights group's political clout, but warned of looming gun-control efforts in the final years of Barack Obama's presidency.

Wayne LaPierre, the NRA's executive vice president and CEO, in his members' meeting speech called on Congress to enact a law allowing people with handgun carry permits to be allowed to be armed anywhere in the U.S., arguing that nobody "should be forced to face evil with bare hands."

The motto of the NRA's an- on Sunday. nual convention this weekend is: "If they can ban one, they can ban them Organizers expect more than 70,000 people

to visit the convention's exhibit space, meetings and musical acts in downtown Nashville.LaPierre and Chris Cox, the head of the NRA's lobbying arm, painted a bleak picture of the state of the country and the dangers to gun rights presented by the last 650 days of Obama's presidency.

President Obama will go to dismantle our freedoms and reshape America into an America that you and I will not even recognize," LaPierre said. "And when he's finished he intends to go out with a coronation of Hillary Rodham Clinton."

Clinton is expected to announce the launch of her bid for the Democratic nomination for president

Cox said Clinton would make Obama "look like an amateur" when it comes to gun control.

"Think about it: Hillary Clin- alone."

ton as president of the United States until 2025," Cox said. "Scared yet?"

Meanwhile, a few hundred protesters gathered in a park along the nearby Cumberland River. Shannon Watts, the founder of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, criticized what she called "There's no telling how far LaPierre's "fear-mongering rhetoric."

> Back at the NRA meeting, the group's president, Jim Porter, criticized politicians and the media on gun rights, a common refrain throughout speeches at the convention.

> "When it comes to those elitists, looking down their noses and telling us how to live, it's time they got the message loud and clear," he said. "You elitists live however your want, but when it comes to us, get your hands off our freedom and leave us the hell



Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, presents an award during the annual meeting of members at the NRA convention Saturday, April 11, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

On Friday, the NRA hosted a series of speeches from potential Republican presidential candidates, including former Gov. Jeb Bush and Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida; Govs. Scott Walker of Wisconsin and Bobby Carson.

Jindal of Louisiana; Sen. Ted Cruz and former Gov. Rick Perry of Texas; former Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas; Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina; and neurosurgeon Ben



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Convicted former NY police boss seeks prison reforms

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NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Kerik — the former boss of the Rikers Island prison complex, leader of the New York Police Department, loyal ally of then-Mayor Rudy Giuliani after the Sept. 11 attacks, presidential Cabinet nominee and prison inmate — has a new incarnation spelled out in a recently published memoir: prison reform cru-

Never mind the baggage of his high-profile crash and burn — he wants to be taken seriously as a voice of reason.

"No one with my background has ever been inside," Kerik told The Associated Press. "I know the truth about it. I know how to fix it. I just hope someone will listen to me."

Kerik, 59, walked out of a minimum-security prison in Maryland in 2013 after serving just over three years of a four-year sentence for tax fraud and lying to the White House during his vetting process for Homeland Security secretary. In his book, "From Jailer to Jailed: My Journey from Correction and Police Commissioner to Inmate #84888-054," he admits it took being sent away to prison to recognize the injustices found there.

He writes that in too many cases, prison "is a colossal waste of time and life.



Bernard Kerik, at left, with Sharpe James, leads a panel discussion at the Prisoner Re-entry Conference today at St. Peter's University in Jersey City, N.J. on April 2, 2015.

Associated Press

I didn't understand this when I was warden and commissioner, I'm embarrassed to say."

Even today, he adds, "I don't feel whole anymore. The system beats you down." He calls someone losing their freedom "like dying with your eyes open." Kerik devotes long passages of the book to his better days, when he reduced jail violence on Rikers and later led the nation's largest police department in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. But his nomination by President George W. Bush for the

2004 was met with a rash of news reports about stockoption windfalls, shady apartment renovations and sexual liaisons with the publisher of his first memoir at an apartment near ground zero that had been set aside for rescue work-

His decision to withdraw his name for consideration for the cabinet post and his later indictment in 2007 embarrassed Giuliani, then a prospective presidential candidate. A subsequent investigation led to Kerik pleading guilty to federal charges in 2009.

Homeland Security post in But if readers are looking for

contrition about his crimes, they won't find it. In the book and in person, Kerik is unrepentant, still insisting he was the victim of a political witch hunt by overzealous prosecutors.

"I'm not saying I'm an angel, but the way they went after me was crazy," he said.He writes that in prison, he passed the time doing endless push-ups, reading books — "The Count of Monte Cristo" was a favorite — and making friends with white-collar and drug offenders serving excessive sentences.

Jailers "never ask, 'Is the guy in here because he

did something wrong, or because he couldn't afford a lawyer?' ... I saw so much of that in prison," he said in the interview. "It had an impact on the way I thought. It's no joke."

His lowest moment came when he was forced to spend several weeks in solitary confinement in a lower Manhattan jail because, with his notoriety, he needed to be segregated from other prisoners there. The experience, he writes, taught him "policies on solitary confinement must be seriously looked at and constantly evaluated. Misused or abused, it can be torturous, inhumane and mentally devastating."

In the past several months, Kerik has been busy promoting the book and an advocacy group, American Coalition for Criminal Justice Reform, with TV appearances, book signings and speaking engagements.

Kerik comes off as credible, said defense attorney Joseph Hayden, the moderator of a recent panel discussion that included Kerik at a New Jersey conference on how to reduce recidivism.

"He's been on both side of the equation," said Hayden, who hadn't met Kerik before preparing for the conference. "As it's been said in literature, 'One gets wisdom through suffering."



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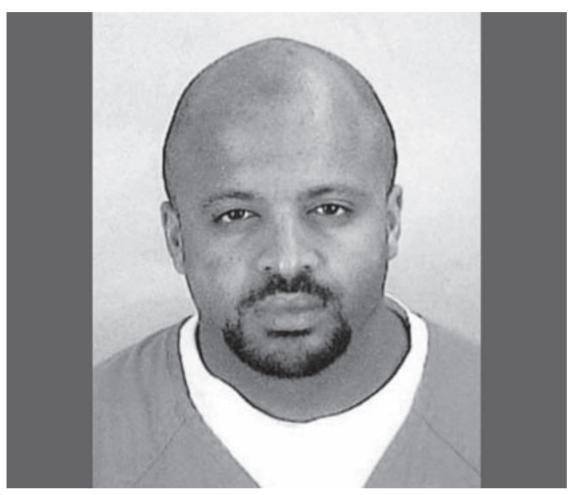
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Saudi Arabia: No evidence its agents helped in 9/11 attacks



This undated file photo provided by the Sherburne County Sheriff Office shows al-Qaida member Zacarias Moussaoui.

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LARRY NEUMEISTER Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Attorneys for Saudi Arabia say a judge should reject claims by families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks that new evidence — including an interview with the man who became known as the "20th hijacker" — shows agents of the kingdom "directly and knowingly" helped the hijackers.

In papers filed in Manhattan federal court late Friday, the lawyers said there is no evidence Saudi Arabia supported or caused the attacks.

They urged a judge to dismiss the claims against Saudi Arabia, saying the lawyers "have had enough chances to make their case."

Saudi Arabia was among the countries, companies and organizations sued in 2002 and afterward by families who claimed they aided al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden and other terrorist groups. The lawsuits sought billions of dollars in damages.

Lawyers for Saudi Arabia also urged the judge considering the merits of the civil litigation to disregard claims by al-Qaida member Zacarias Moussaoui, who is serving a life prison sentence after pleading guilty in April 2005 to conspiring with the hijackers to kill Americans.

They called his comments to plaintiffs' lawyers last year "colorful but immaterial hearsay statements" from a convicted, mentally ill terrorist. Before jurors spared Moussaoui's life, a psychologist testified for the defense at death penalty proceedings that he had paranoid schizophrenia. Moussaoui says it was a lie

that Saudi Arabia cut ties

with al-Qaida and bin Laden in 1994.

Lawyers for 9/11 families cited Moussaoui's claims in saying they've unearthed "compelling" evidence that the Saudi government assisted the hijackers.

In papers filed Friday, the plaintiffs' lawyers said the efforts by Saudi Arabia to be dismissed from the litigation "rest on grave distortions of the record, implausible interpretations of the allegations, facts and evidence, and a refusal to afford plaintiffs the obvious inferences to which they are entitled."

Saudi Arabia was dismissed as a defendant in the case once before by a judge who said it was protected by sovereign immunity, but a federal appeals court in December 2013 reinstated it, saying a legal exception existed and the circumstances were extraordinary.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs say they have developed substantial new evidence against Saudi Arabia since the Sept. 11 Commission said in a report a decade ago that it found no evidence that the Saudi government or senior Saudi officials individually funded al-Qaida.

Lawyers for Saudi Arabia say the families are relying on the submission of "thousands of pages of inadmissible and irrelevant materials."

They wrote: "If they had a single piece of evidence that would stand up in court, they would highlight it in their papers. Instead, they focus heavily on witnesses manifestly lacking personal knowledge, and on newspaper articles, blog posts, and similar multiple hearsay. They thus reveal that they have nothing better."











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In this screen shot from April 2, 2015 video provided by the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, police restrain 44-year-old Eric Harris after he was chased down and tackled by a Tulsa County Deputy, and then shot by a reserve sheriff's deputy while in custody, in Tulsa, Okla.

Associated Press

TULSA, Oklahoma (AP) — Authorities have released video showing the fatal encounter of a black suspect with a white reserve sheriff's deputy who police said thought he was holding a stun gun instead of his handgun when he shot the man during a recent arrest in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The video of the April 2 inci-

dent shows a Tulsa County deputy chase and tackle Eric Harris, 44, whom they accuse of trying to sell an illegal gun to an undercover officer.

A deputy is heard telling Harris, "I need you to roll on your stomach." At about the same time, a woman is heard in the background saying "Stop fighting."

Police video shows killing of black Oklahoma suspect

While the deputy is subduing Harris on the ground, a gunshot rings out and a man says, "Oh, I shot him. I'm sorry."

Authorities have identified the shooter as 73-year-old reserve deputy Robert Bates, and said that he meant to use his stun gun. Harris screams, "He shot me. Oh my God," and a deputy replies: "You f---ing ran. Shut the f--- up."

Harris then says he's losing his breath. A deputy replies, "F--- your breath." Harris was treated by medics at the scene and eventually died in a Tulsa hospital.

The video was released over the weekend after Harris' family requested that it be made public. It was recorded by deputies with sunglass cameras, Tulsa County Sheriff's Office officials said. They said Bates believed he was holding a Taser and intended to incapacitate Harris when the fatal shot was fired.

An investigator who reviewed details of the shooting concluded that the deputy suffered a phenomenon known as "slips and capture."

Tulsa Police Sgt. Jim Clark, who was asked to investi-

gate the shooting by the sheriff's office, has said Bates was a victim of a high stress phenomenon in which a person's behavior "slips" off the intended course of action because it's "captured" by a stronger response.

Results of the investigation were turned over to prosecutors, who will decide whether to file criminal charges.

An attorney for the family, Dan Smolen, did not immediately return a telephone call Sunday seeking comment. The family has not commented publicly since the video's release.

Police seek arrest of mother of disabled son left in woods

RON TODT
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An arrest warrant has been issued for the mother of a severely disabled man left in the woods for several days near a Philadelphia park, authorities said.

Nyia Parler left her 21-yearold son — who is quadriplegic and has cerebral palsy — lying in leaves and covered with a blanket next to a wheelchair and Bible while she left town, police said. He was found Friday night near Cobbs Creek Park.

Police believe he was left there between the time he and his mother were seen together on Easter Sunday and before his mother boarded a bus Monday for Maryland to visit her boyfriend, said Lt. John Walker of the Southwest Detectives division.

Walker said the victim was found around the corner from their home and described the scenario authorities believe to have taken place this way: "She pushes him about 150 yards from the highway into the wooded area, takes him out of wheelchair, lays him on the ground, puts a blanket over him and leaves a Bible with him, and then just walks away."

During the period he was exposed to the elements, the young man was "completely defenseless" in an area with wild animals, with no water and in cold, damp weather, Walker said.

"It's only by the grace of God that he survived this. Amazing," he said.

Contacted in Maryland after the young man's school became concerned, the victim's mother told relatives and authorities that he was with her, Walker said.

"Obviously her statements made during the week were not truthful," he said. Her boyfriend, however, assumed other relatives were caring for the young man and "was in shock when he learned what happened," Walker said. A 16-year-old son also residing with the family is now in the care of other family relatives, Walker said.

Parler, 41, of Philadelphia, will face charges including aggravated assault, reckless endangering, neglect of a care-dependent person, kidnapping, unlawful restraint and false imprisonment, according to police. Walker said the son was hospitalized with dehydration, malnutrition, a deep cut on his back that caused concern about potential infection and possible eye injuries, but he appeared to be improving.

"He seemed to be a little happier yesterday," Walker said. "You could tell he knew his family was around and felt more comfortable."





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Report: U. S. reporter held in Iran for 'espionage'



In this photo April 11, 2013 file photo, Jason Rezaian, an Iranian-American correspondent for the Washington Post, smiles as he attends a presidential campaign of President Hassan Rouhani in Tehran, Iran. **Associated Press**

ALI AKBAR DAREINI Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A Washington Post journalist detained in Iran for over eight months is accused of "espionage" and "acting against national security," the semiofficial Fars news agency reported Sunday. The report did not elaborate on the source of the information, but the agency is regarded as close to Iran's hard-liners.

Iranian officials have previously said Jason Rezaian is facing "security" charges and that he will stand trial before the Revolutionary Court — which mainly hears sensitive cases involving national security. Rezaian's lawyer, Leila Ahsan, declined to comment on the specific charges against her client, but told The Associated Press she had finished studying the text of the indictment and would brief Rezaian's family in the coming days. Ahsan added that she visited Rezaian in prison last

"He appeared to be in good health and spirits. I can see him anvtime. Jason asked me to provide a strong defense. I'm in constant touch with his wife and family. I've requested that the court hold the trial as soon as possible," she

Rezaian, along with his wife, Yeganeh Salehi, and two photojournalists were detained on July 22 in Tehran. All were later released except Rezaian, who is a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen. Iran does not recognize dual nationality. The Post, U.S. officials and Rezaian's family have all called for his release. When contacted, Rezaian's brother Ali declined to comment.

Reacting to the Fars report that Rezaian will face espionage charges, Washington Post Executive Editor Martin Baron said, "Any charges of that sort would be absurd, the product of

fertile and twisted imaginations."

"We are left to repeat our call on the Iranian government to release Jason, and in the meantime, we are counting on his lawyer to mount a vigorous defense," Baron said in a statement.

The Fars report alleged that Rezaian had obtained economic and industrial information from Iran and sold it to unnamed Americans. It also linked him to Omid Memarian, an independent Iranian journalist based in the U.S.

"Selling Iran's economic and industrial information at a time of sanctions is exactly like selling food to the enemy at a time of war," Fars claimed.

In an email to The Associ-

ated Press in New York, Memarian said he had been singled out in the Fars report because he has been outspoken about Rezaian's condition and his innocence since the journalist's arrest.

"Now that the Iranian intelligence has been incapable of presenting any proof that Jason did something wrong, they spread lies about him and his colleagues-friends to influence the upcoming court," Memarian said.

Iran is subject to crippling international sanctions over its nuclear program, which Western nations suspect is aimed at developing an atomic weapon. Iran insists the program is for purely peaceful purposes.







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Embattled Yemen leader names new vice president

AHMED AL-HAJ Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled the country in the face of a rebel advance last month, has tapped his former Prime MThis photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, from left, Tyrese Gibson as Roman, Michelle Rodriguez as Letty, Paul Walker as Brian, and Chris Ludacris as Tej, in a scene from "Furious 7."inister Khaled Bahah to be vice president in a move aimed at strengthening the embattled executive branch, an official close to Hadi said.

The Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, had demanded the formation of a presidential council instead. Along with military units allied with former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, they control the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north, and have advanced despite more than

two weeks of Saudi-led air-

U.N. special envoy for Yemen Jamal Benomar has been urging the parties to come to a negotiated settlement. Saleh has also called for a U.N.-sponsored dialoque.

Hadi fled the capital earlier this year after the Houthis put him under house arrest, and established a temporary capital in the southern port city of Aden. He later sought refuge in Saudi Arabia as the rebels and their allies closed in on Aden, which is now gripped by fierce fighting.

The Houthis also held Bahah and other Cabinet ministers under house arrest for weeks, eventually setting them free in the middle of March. During their detention, Bahah and the Cabinet members resigned in protest. Bahah is currently visiting Saudi Ara-

Bahah, who hails from southern Yemen, served as



In this Thursday, March 26, 2015 file photo, provided by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), Yemen's President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, left, walks with Saudi Defense Minister Mohammed bin Salman as Hadi arrives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. **Associated Press**

Yemen's ambassador to the United Nations before he was appointed prime minister following weeks of political deadlock.

On Sunday, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister refused calls from Tehran to stop its

aerial assault. Iran supports the Houthis, but both Tehran and the rebels deny it arms them.

Prince Saud al-Faisal said his country is not at war with Iran, but charged Tehran with fueling the cycle of violence in Yemen. Riyadh and Tehran are longtime regional rivals, and also back opposite sides in Syria's civil war.

"Iran is not in charge of Yemen," al-Faisal said during a press conference Sunday in Riyadh alongside his French counterpart, Foreign Minister Laurent Fa-

Saudi military spokesman Ahmed Asiri said during a briefing Sunday that airstrikes hit an airport in the Houthi stronghold of Saada, as well as areas used by the Houthis and their allies in Shabwa, Sanaa, Taiz and Aden.

He added that the Saudi government is coordinating with some of the tribes in Yemen.

Sunday's airstrikes in the oil- and gas-rich northcentral province of Marib hit groups of Houthi and allied fighters, Yemeni security officials said. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

Sheikh Saleh al-Anjaf, spokesman for an alliance of Marib-based tribes, said Houthis and Saleh loyalists tried to advance from the ancient ruins of Sirwah but were pushed back following a fierce battle with tribesmen.

Al-Anjaf said six tribesmen were killed and seven wounded in the fighting and that the tribe took six Houthi fighters hostage. The Houthis did not announce any casualties, and Houthi officials could not be reached for comment.



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Turkey recalls ambassador over pope's Armenia genocide words

NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Sunday marked the 100th anniversary of the slaughter of Armenians by calling the massacre by Ottoman Turks "the first genocide of the 20th century" and urging the international community to recognize it as such. Turkey immediately responded by recalling its ambassador and accusing Francis of spreading hatred and "unfounded claims."

Francis issued the pronouncement during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica commemorating the centenary that was attended by Armenian church leaders and President Serge Sarkisian, who praised the pope for calling a spade a spade and "delivering a powerful message to the international community." "The words of the leader of a church with 1 billion followers cannot but have a strong impact," he told The Associated Press.

Historians estimate that up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I, an event widely viewed by scholars as the first genocide of the 20th century.

Turkey, however, denies a genocide took place. It has insisted that the toll has been inflated and that those killed were victims of civil war and unrest.

Francis defended his words by saying it was his duty to honor the memory of the innocent men, women "senselessly" murdered by Ottoman Turks.

"Concealing or denying evil is like allowing a wound to keep bleeding without bandaging it," he said.

He said similar massacres are under way today against Christians who

because of their faith are "publicly and ruthlessly put to death — decapitated, crucified, burned alive or forced to leave their homeland," a reference to the Islamic State group's assault against Christians in Iraq and Syria.

Francis called on the world community, heads of state and international organizations to recognize the truth of what transpired to prevent such "horrors" from repeating themselves, and to oppose all such crimes "without ceding to ambiguity or compromise."

Turkey has fiercely lobbied to prevent countries, including the Holy See, from officially recognizing the Armenian massacre as genocide and reacted strongly to Francis' declaration.

"The pope's statement, which is far from historic and legal truths, is unacceptable," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu tweeted. "Religious positions are not places where unfounded claims are made and hatred is stirred."

The Foreign Ministry summoned the Vatican's envoy in Ankara, and then announced it was recalling its own ambassador to the Vatican for consultations.

In a statement, the ministry said the Turkish people would not recognize the pope's statement "which is controversial in every aspect, which is based on prejudice, which distorts history and reduces the pains suffered in Anatolia and children who were under the conditions of the First World War to members of just one religion."

It accused Francis of deviating from his message of peace and reconciliation during his November visit to Turkey.

Several European countries recognize the massa-

cres as genocide, though Italy and the United States, for example, have avoided using the term officially given the importance they place on Turkey as an ally. The Holy See, too, places great importance in its relationship with the moderate Muslim nation, especially as it demands that Muslim leaders condemn the Islamic State group slaughter of Christians.

But Francis' willingness to rile Ankara with his words showed once again that he has few qualms about taking diplomatic risks for issues close to his heart. And the massacre of Armenians is indeed close to the Vatican's heart given that Armenia is held up as the first Christian nation, dating from 301.

That said, Francis is not the first pope to call the massacre a genocide. St. John Paul II wrote in a 2001 joint declaration with the Armenian church leader, Karenkin II, that the deaths were considered "the first genocide of the 20th century." But the context of Francis' pronunciation was different and significant: in St. Peter's during an Armenian rite service with the Armenian church and state leadership in attendance on the 100th anniversary of the slaughter. And his call for international acknowledgement of what happened went beyond what John Paul had written.

Francis' words had a deeply moving effect among Armenians in the basilica, many of whom wept. At the end of the service the Armenian Apostolic Church's Aram I thanked Francis for his clear condemnation and recalled that "genocide" is a crime against humanity that requires reparation.

The Armenian president, Sarkisian, praised Francis



Pope Francis, center, is greeted by the head of Armenia's Orthodox Church Karekin II, right, during an Armenian-Rite Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican, Sunday, April 12, 2015. **Associated Press**

for "calling things by their names."

In the interview, he acknowledged the reparation issue, but said "for our people, the primary issue is universal recognition of the Armenian genocide, including recognition by Turkey."□







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Large protests across Brazil seek ouster of president

STAN LEHMAN ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of Brazil on Sunday for anti-government demonstrations across the continent-sized country.

It was the second such day of protests in less than a month and comes as polls show Rousseff, four months into her second term, with historically low approval ratings amid a corruption scandal at the state-run oil company, Petrobras, as well as a spluttering economy, a rapidly depreciating currency and political infighting.

The protest movement has been organized, mostly via social media, by a motley assortment of groups. Most call for Rousseff's impeachment, but they are joined by others with demands rang-



Demonstrators shout anti-government slogans as they march holding signs that reads in Portuguese "Dilma Out" and "Corrupt Out", during a protest demanding the impeachment of Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunday, April 12, 2015.

Associated Press

ing from looser gun control laws to a military coup.

Helicopter television images showed crowds of demonstrators, many of them dressed in the yellow and green colors of the Brazilian flag and brandishing placards reading "Dilma Out," congregating in the capi-

tal, Brasilia, and cities from Belem in the Amazon rainforest region to the southern city of Curitiba.

Still, the crowds seemed thinner than at the March 15 demonstrations, when more than 200,000 people turned out just in Sao Paulo, Brazil's economic capital

and an opposition bastion. That rally was among the city's biggest since demonstrations in 1984 demanding the end of the military dictatorship.

Sao Paulo protester Renato Alves Pereira said he was hoped the movement would succeed in ousting Rousseff.

"She must be impeached because she and the Workers' Party are responsible for all that is wrong with Brazil—corruption, inflation and unemployment on the rise, terrible public services like health and education," said the 34-year-old marketing director.

In Rio de Janeiro, a protest along the golden sands of Copacabana drew a sparse few thousand people, a far cry from the strong turnout here last month.

Analysts say a lower turnout could harm the future of the campaign to impeach Rousseff.

"Sunday's demonstration faces a big problem, which is one of comparison," said Carlos Lopes, a political risk analyst at Brasilia office of the Insituto Analise consultancy.

"If it doesn't (match the size of the March 15 protests), people will be less inclined take part in future demonstrations and the movement toward large-scale rallies will begin to fizzle out," he said in a telephone interview.

One Brazilian president, Fernando Collor de Mello, who was accused of corruption by his own brother, has been impeached since Brazil's return to democracy in 1985, but many legal experts have said that Rousseff could only be impeached if evidence emerges directly linking her to crimes committed during her second term, which began in January

Still, a survey released Saturday by the Folha de S.Paulo daily found that 63 percent of Brazilians surveyed supported impeachment proceedings against Rousseff, while 33 percent opposed them. The same poll, by the respected Datafolha polling agency, showed Rousseff's approval ratings holding steady, with 13 percent of respondents giving her a great or good rating while 60 percent of respondents evaluated her performance as bad or terrible. The survey of 2,834 people in 171 municipalities was conducted on Thursday and Friday. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Much of the protesters' ire focused on the Petrobras scandal. Prosecutors say at least \$800 million was paid in bribes and other funds by construction and engineering firms in exchange for inflated Petrobras contracts, though the scheme apparently began in 1997, six years before Rousseff's party won power.

Rousseff, a former chairwoman of Petrobras' board, has not been implicated and so far is not being investigated, though two of her former chiefs of staff are among the dozens of officials caught up in the inquiry.

In 2013, more than a million people took to the streets in a single day to protest against the high cost of living, poor public schools and hospitals and lavish government spending on sporting events like last year's World Cup soccer tournament and the 2016 Olympic games in Rio.

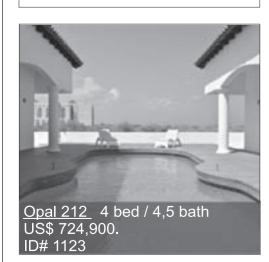
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Real Island Life: Notes From A Day On Aruba!

PALM BEACH - First of all, I like to welcome you to my island in the sun. Aruba's weather is always so predictable (hot and windy) and that might be the main reason you decided to come visit us. Of course besides the sun there is much more like: beaches, restaurants, shopping, gambling, activities and more. Talking about all those fun things to do here, if you live on the island full time, and work every day, you might forget that we truly live in a paradise. Of course on your off day you might go swimming or drive around but it is after a few more days at home when you start realizing how beautiful our island really is. So I took some time to "smell the ocean breeze"..... I truly think that all locals should do so, once in a while, to appreciate where welive and what we have. Enjoy breakfast outside in your patio or yard. Breathe in and out.... Let it sink in a little. No rush and no hurry. Take time to enjoy your

fresh squeezed lemon juice from your backyard trees with a fish omelet (left over's from last night's incredible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get in an air-conditioned car, but also nice for the experience are the open-air jeeps. In that case all you need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong-I recommend Aruba Aloe brand! Packed with a towel and the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line. Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I counted at least 9 different types of blues-just like



you see in famous movies like the "blue lagoon". First stop was the famous Charlie's Bar in San Nicolaas Main Street. Generation after generation of Charlie's have been running this cozy place, where you can spend hours looking around and identifying all the things visiting tourists have left behind to personalize the bar, like baseball caps, business cards, license plates and of course weird kind of souvenirs. Go check it out yourself..... Up to Baby Beach and Rogers beach. These are the places locals go. This is where we teach our kids to swim. Calm and shallow waters, lots of space to lie out and catch some sun.

If you pick a spot close to the Snack Container where they sell burger and refreshments you can enjoy 24-7 "golden oldies". Music you grew up with...... After a few hours of "veg-

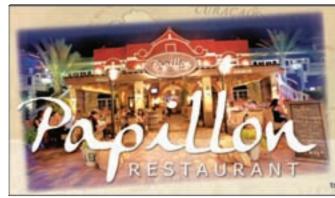


ging" on the beach staring at the turquoise ocean and listening to the birds that fly by and walk around it is time to get some food. Zeerovers in Savaneta is the place to go. Simple, clean and oh so good! The freshest fish on the island, brought in directly by our

local fisherman. You order by the piece and or pound and as little or as much as you want. The price for fish and chips is so good that you for sure would ask: "is that all"? No fancy dinner ware, just plain easy simple plastic but I promise you that you

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Loyal visitors honored at the Marriott Surf Club

Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and



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the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Michael and Mrs. Noelle Ference from Demarest NJ and Mr. Eric and Mrs. Karen Frieman from Voorhees NJ. Both couples are loyal members of the Marriott Surf Club and they are with their children having a great time in Aruba, and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, the Malmok beach snorkeling, the safety and

Aruba feels like a second home, the employees at the Marriott Surf Club are like a family to them and the Resort is their home away from home. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with the family members of the honorees and Ms. Jenny Boekhoudt representing the Marriott Surf Club.

Tony & Susan Navarro honored at the Divi Village

Recently Tony & Susan Navarro were honored as an ambassador of goodwill for the island of Aruba after visiting for more then 23 years consecutive.

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Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Divi Village

Tony commented that she will never change his vacation island for any other island ,top reason for returning provided by the honorees were they consider

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Sidebar's signature burgers have been named The Sidebar, The Afterburner, The Goliath, The Texan, The Chaser, The Primal and The Italian Job and we are sure that everyone will be able to find a burger that calls out to them. The burgers come with brie cheese, prosciutto, Cheddar cheese, zucchini, sliced steak, Bourbon bbg sauce, dripping gravy and much more, depending on your order. The best thing is that these gourmet beauties cost less than \$ 15.--, so lunch or an evening out won't break the bank.

Feel love for Sidebar's burgers; they are bursting with taste- try them all and find your personal favorite. Come on down to Sidebar and rock your Wildest West with a fabulously tasty burger that packs a punch with its layers of flavor. And if you are not in a burger mood, then Sidebar has a wonderfully varied menu of all kinds of other options, ranging from vegetarian mushrooms and spinach to a zucchini cutlet to lovely salads, homemade soups, pastas and fish dishes.

Wash your lunch or dinner down with a premium, aged Bourbon or try the ice-cold beers on tap to slake your thirst. You can choose between Heineken, Balashi, Chill, Stella Artois, Miller Light or Presidente. Come inside, at the bar or sit outside on the terrace; at Sidebar there will always be a place for you.



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Common ground and denominating factor of the guests includes the enjoyment of life, in particular the good things, such as happy atmosphere.

stylish, hip restaurant on the side of the Renaissance Marketplace; just hop inside, sit at the bar or on

the amazing porch and enjoy! The grand opening was a busy event where the friendly staff welcomed all invited guests with champagne and a smile. One of the guests was overheard remarking: ``I

was wondering how one could find niche for a new restaurant on Aruba, but I believe Niels has found it with Sidebar.

The combination gourmet burger and aged Bourbons is one that we don't have yet on the island. This bistro is going to soar.'' Others agreed and they added that the food is absolutely terrific; they knew from experience, because Sidebar has already been open for great bistro food, wonder- two weeks, ironing out any ful drinks and a relaxed, glitches before its Grand Opening. Live music was Side Bar is the name of a provided by "Joyride" and till late at night the crowed danced away on popular songs played by the









Chef Urvin announces Festival of Flavors menu for April

Chef Urvin Croes, born and raised in Aruba, graduated from Dutch culinary school and went on to gain experience in Michelin star restaurants in Europe. Comina back to Aruba, Chef Urvin had a dream to open Aruba's first fine dining, modern gourmet cuisine restaurant. With the opening of White Modern Cuisine in 2012, that dream came true, and White Modern Cuisine is now recognized as one of Aruba's best fine dining establishments, having been named Aruba's #1 modern cuisine restaurant and winner of numerous other culinary awards.

The local and international acceptance and enthusiasm for White Modern Cuisine gave Chef Urvin the confidence and inspiration to work towards his next vision.

He talks with passion about the inspiration he found in the typical Aruban and Caribbean dishes he grew up with and how he envisioned bringing these typical tastes to a level of haute cuisine. So when he was approached by Blue Residences, right across from Eagle Beach, in the summer of 2014, he did not hesitate, opening the now most talked about gourmet restaurant, The Kitchen Table by White.

At The Kitchen Table by White, Chef Urvin is revolu-



tionizing the way vacationers and islanders regard Aruban and Caribbean cuisine. Using a monthly changing, fixed menu concept for the 16 seat restaurant, guests are surprised by elegant and exquisite dishes, with the option to be perfectly paired with a wide-ranging selection of fine wine.

For the April menu, Chef Urvin tempts us with descriptions of amuse-bouches that give homage to spring; a trio of scrumptious morsels where fresh carrots, locally grown tomatoes and crab each have a starring role and start you off on a magnificent culinary journey.



Hungry for Lion fish or ready to try this delicious fish for the first time? Another highlight on this month's menu is the Lion Fish Chowder, served with a Bavarois of celery. Restaurants that serve Lion fish support vital conservation efforts; Lion fish is a responsible and sustainable choice in seafood.

Back for the third month in a row is the wildly popular Keshi Yena, a very traditional Aruban dish, prepared as only Chef Urvin knows how: surprising, delectable, remarkable. New on the menu are the Lamb Roti, inspired by Indian influences in the Caribbean made with The Kitchen Table's own Madras curry, and the Papaya Stoba, a papaya stew with veal. The Papaya Stoba recipe is based on the recipe of the chef's grandmother and in true Chef Urvin's style would not be out-of-place

in a Michelin star restaurant. The April dining experience is topped off with a Sunchi Surprise, a Meringue and Key Lime inspired dessert, The Kitchen Table way. For a truly decadent grand finale, Chef Urvin concocted a Chocolate cake served with Salty Caramel and Sweet Potato. He describes in mouthwatering detail of his inspiration in Peru where he was introduced to the delicacies of sweet potato Iollipops dipped in chocolate and caramel.

An evening at The Kitchen Table by White is pure indulgence for all your senses. Chef Urvin and his staff prepare the meal before your eyes, and the restaurant's walls are an ever changing art gallery. Here they showcase a myriad of talented Caribbean artists, which you can enjoy if you can take your eyes off the art on your plate long enough.

Open now for less than a year, the restaurant was recently named the #1 Caribbean restaurant on Aruba by USA Today. So, if you are a food connoisseur and appreciate the art of dining or are looking for a Caribbean culinary adventure that is on par with a Michelin star experience, The Kitchen Table is the place for you. The many glowing reviews on Tripadvisor speak for themselves. The concept of The Kitchen Table is based on one seating, fixed menu per night. All guests are requested to join at 7 PM for a sunset cocktail on the restaurant's deck. Seating at The Kitchen Table by White is limited, with only 14 reservations accepted nightly. Make your reservations early, online via reservations@ktbywhite. com , by phone 528-7015 or through the concierge at your resort. For reservations at White Modern Cuisine please call 586-1190. Truly, for food connoisseurs, these restaurants are a must-do while on Aruba.





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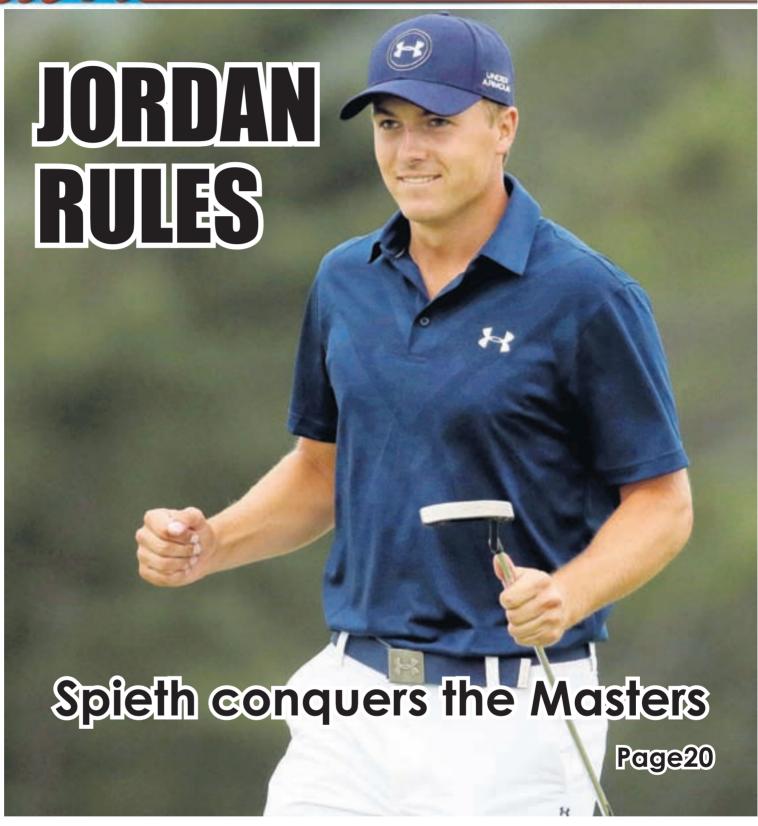
Jack Sock lifts his U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship trophy Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Houston. Sock beat Sam Querrey 7-6 (9), 7-6 (2). Associated Press

Jack Sock wins U.S. Men's Clay Court title

HOUSTON (AP) — Jack Sock won the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships on Sunday for his first ATP World Tour title, beating eighth-seeded Sam Querrey 7-6 (7), 7-6 (2) in an all-American final.

The 22-year-old Sock saved three set points in the first tiebreaker in the rain-delayed match and quickly answered a break by Querrey in the second set to get the match back on serve. Sock became the sixth American to win the country's only men's clay-court tournament. He will climb to a career-high 36th in the ATP ranking.

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Jordan Spieth celebrates after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Augusta, Ga.

Associated Press







Kerber rallies past Madison Keys to win Family Circle Cup

PETE IACOBELLI AP Sports Writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Angelique Kerber didn't really like playing on clay. That's changed in a big way Sunday when the fifthseeded German rallied past American Madison Keys to win the Family Circle Cup.

The 27-year-old Kerber trailed 4-1 in the final set, yet took six of the last seven games to pull out a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory for her fourth career WTA title and first on the slow, gunky coating power players love to hate.

"You know, it was never my favorite surface," Kerber said. "But it's changed in the last year. I knew that I can play also on clay and it's good also for my (overall) game because I'm playing defensive and being aggressive."

Kerber showed both those qualities against the power-hitting Keys, who came into the final without dropping a service game. Kerber broke Keys in the first game and five times overall, relentlessly sending 120 mph serves and sizzling groundstrokes back that had gone for winners earlier in the week.

Still, it was a frustrated Kerber in the third set who needed a good talking to from coach Torben Beltz to refocus and re-strategize. He told Kerber to up her aggressiveness and take the game to Keys, something that happened early on but not in the middle part of the match. Kerber listened and pulled off the stunning comeback.

"She completely lifted her level and it total changed right then," Keys said.

Kerber won 12 of the next 16 points

ting out — Keys finished with 57 unforced errors nearly triple Kerber's 21 — to give Kerber the victory.

Kerber fell on her back and cov-

Angelique Kerber, from Germany, celebrates after defeating Madison Keys in singles final action at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C., Sunday, April 12, 2015. Kerber won the Family Circle Cup 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

to tie the decisive set at 4-all. Kevs moved in front one last time at 5-4 before Kerber dug in one last time to take control and fully unnerve the previously steady Keys.

Kerber tied the set at 5-all on three errors by Keys. Kerber held off four game points in the next game to break Keys' serve a fifth and final time and move in front 6-5. Kerber took the final game at love with Keys hitting into the net and hit-

Associated Press ered her face in celebration when Keys' final shot sailed long.

"To win here in Charleston, it feels great," she said. "I had a great week."

Keys, seeded seventh, entered the final on a strong run. She had dominated four opponents in reaching her first clay-court final. But Kerber was just as relentless at keeping the ball in play and counting on Keys' aggressiveness to lead to mistakes on the slow surface.

Kerber broke serve three times in a surprisingly quick opening set. Keys found her footing in the second set to tie the match. She moved Kerber from side to side and used her powerhouse forehand to gain control. That continued into the third set and she built a 4-1 lead.

Keys consistently hit serves topping 100 mph. Her consistency, though, didn't match Kerber's. Keys made only 66 percent of her first serves while Kerber proved steady at 83 percent.

It was the second straight knockdown final for Keys and Kerber. Keys outlasted the German in three sets to win her only WTA title, at Eastbourne last June. Keys acknowledged she was nervous starting out Sunday in trying for her second title. She believes she'll take the lessons learned in her successful week and apply them to the rest of the season.

"If you can't be first, I guess it's OK to be second," Keys said, smiling. Kerber, ranked 16th in the world, hopes the Family Circle win can kick start a big season. It happened a year ago to her close friend, Petkovic, who won twice more after her title here and went from 39th in the world to 11th this week.

"'I worked very hard in the last few weeks and every single match here I played very good," she said. "So I'm looking forward and I think I have for sure the confidence that the next tournament will be going good, too."







NBA Capsules

Bucks rout Nets 96-73 to clinch playoff berth

The Associated Press MILWAUKEE (AP) — MIL-**WAUKEE (AP)** — Ersan Ilyasova scored 21 points and the Milwaukee Bucks clinched a playoff spot with a 96-73 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday. Milwaukee also secured the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference, a year after a franchise-worst 67-loss season. O.J. Mayo added 17 points for the Bucks. Brook Lopez had his 17th double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Nets. They are eighth in the East, a game behind Boston.

CELTICS 117, CAVALIERS 78 BOSTON (AP) — Isaiah Thomas scored 17 points and Boston moved closer to a playoff berth with been his final home game a victory over a Cleveland team without LeBron James and three other starters.

Coach David Blatt rested James, Kevin Love, Kyrie

Irving and J.R. Smith because the Cavaliers already have clinched the No. 2 postseason spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Celtics magic number for reaching the postseason dropped to one. They would clinch a berth if Indiana loses to Oklahoma City on Sunday night. If the Celtics remain in seventh place in the East, they would face the Cavaliers in the first round.

PISTONS 116, HORNETS 77

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Andre Drummond had 15 points and 19 rebounds and Detroit Pistons turned its home finale into a rout over Charlotte

Greg Monroe scored 17 points in what might have at the Palace. Monroe is set to become an unrestricted free agent after the season.

Noah Vonleh led Charlotte with 16 points.



Cleveland Cavaliers center Timofey Mozgov, of Russia, left, grapples for control of the ball with Boston Celtics forward Jonas Jerebko, of Sweden, during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Boston. The Celtics won 117-78.

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Jordan Spieth, 21, captures Masters victory for the ages

DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Jordan Spieth got more than redemption and a green jacket Sunday. He took his place among the best in the game with a Masters victory for the ages.

One year after Spieth lost a bid to become the youngest Masters champion, the 21-year-old Texan turned in one of the most dominant wins ever at Augusta National. He never let anyone get closer to him than three shots after his record start. He never gave anyone much hope on Sunday.

Spieth closed with a 2-under 70, missing a 5-foot par putt on the final hole that would have set yet another record. Instead, he tied the score set by Tiger Woods in 1997 at 18-under 270.

"This was the ultimate goal in my golf life," Spieth said. For all the talk about the Grand Slam bid by Rory McIlroy and the return of Woods, this week was about the arrival of another star.

"It's awfully impressive," McIlroy said after finishing fourth. "It's nice to get your major tally up and running at an early stage in your career. It's great to see, great for the game, and I'm sure there will be many more."

Spieth became the first wire-to-wire winner at the Masters since Raymond Floyd in 1976, and this might have been even more special. Craig Woods in 1941 is the only other Masters champion who led by at least three shots from the opening round to the trophy presentation.

Phil Mickelson tried to make a run. So did Justin Rose. Neither got closer than three shots at any



Jordan Spieth poses with his green jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Augusta, Ga. **Associated Press**

point, and it wasn't long before Spieth was making another birdie putt to take the drama out of the back

Mickelson (69) and Rose (70) tied for second. It was the 10th time Mickelson has been runner-up in a major. Woods jarred his right wrist then he struck wood under the pine straw on the ninth hole. He recovered and closed with a 73, 13 shots behind.

time on the PGA Tour and fifth time worldwide. He will rise to No. 2 in the world rankings, still a ways to go to catch McIlroy at the top. When Mcllroy won backto-back majors last year to establish himself as the game's best player, the quest was to find a rival.

Spieth provided the answer on perhaps the biggest stage in the sport with his record-setting week at Augusta.

"I thought today might be easier having played with the lead on Saturday. It wasn't," Spieth said. "It's Spieth won for the third the most incredible week of my life. This is as areat as it gets in our sport. ... I'm still kind of shock a little bit." And he will keep the editors of the Masters record book busy. Among the marks he established this week:

— The 36-hole record at 14-under 130.

— The 54-hole record at 16-under 200.

— The most birdies for the tournament at 28. — The lowest opening

round by a champion at — The youngest player

to lead after the opening round.

"He has no weaknesses," Mickelson said. "He doesn't overpower the golf course, but he plays the course strategically well. He plays

all the shots properly. And he has that ability to focus and see things clear when the pressure is on and perform at his best when the pressure is on.

"That's something that you really can't teach," he said. "Some players are able to do it, some players aren't. And he is."

Spieth showed early he was up to challenge. Rose, starting the final round four shots behind, rolled in a 10foot birdie putt on the first hole, and Spieth calmly made his birdie putt from just inside him. Spieth went out in 35 to build his lead to five shots, and one putt later, the Masters effectively was over.

Spieth rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 10 for a six-shot lead. It was his 26th birdie of the Masters, breaking the tournament record that Mickelson set in 2001. Spieth managed this in only 64 holes. The next target was the 72-hole scoring record that Woods set in 1997 and he almost got there except for that bogey at the end.

He twice went for the green on par 5s on the back nine, barely clearing the creek at No. 13 and going just over the back on No. 15, both times making birdie. The birdie on the 15th made him the only player in Masters history to reach 19-under par.

McIlroy had a 68-66 weekend, hurt by his slow start and put him 12 shots going into the weekend. He will have to wait until next year to try to win the Masters and become the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam.

The way Spieth is playing, that task just got a little harder. In his last four starts, Spieth has won twice and finished second twice.



Maple Leafs clean house, firing GM, interim coach, staff



TORONTO (AP) — Changes were expected from the Toronto Maple Leafs after their worst season in almost 20 years.

Team President Brendan Shanahan didn't waste any time making them.

The Leafs fired general manager Dave Nonis and interim coach Peter Horachek and his entire staff Sunday, beginning a tumultuous offseason that could also bring wholesale roster changes.

Nonis was fired with three years left on his contract after the Leafs went 30-44-8 to finish with 68 points, the fewest in an 82-game season since 1996-97.

Shanahan and the players are set to address reporters Monday at Air Canada Centre.

Toronto was in a playoff position in early January when Nonis announced the firing of coach Randy Carlyle and subsequently replaced him with Horachek. At the time, Nonis blamed inconsistency for the firing and said he is "never worried about" his own job security.

"You make your decisions on what's best for the team and that's not going to change," Nonis said Jan. 6. "We're going to do the things that we need to do as a group in order to move this team forward." From that day until the season ended Saturday night, the Leafs went 9-28-5 to finish 27th in the NHL. The only silver lining to that is a

9.5 percent chance of winning the draft lottery and a chance to draft top prospect Connor McDavid to jump-start the rebuilding effort.

Horachek's dismissal was expected. This is the second straight season he took over as interim coach (2013-14 with Florida Panthers) and was let go.

"You want to see more success, obviously," Horachek said after the Leafs' season-ending 4-3 loss to the Montreal Canadiens. "If you don't get it, you have to keep trying in different directions and different manners of motivation and where you're going to go. "It's evident that there's lots of changes that have to happen, and the direction has to be in a different direction."

In addition to Horachek, assistants Steve Spott, Chris Dennis and Rick St. Croix were fired. Steve Staios was moved back to the front office as manager of player development. Spott was in his first year as a Leafs assistant after coaching the American Hockey League's Toronto Marlies. The Leafs also fired director of pro scouting Steve Kasper and director of player development Jim Hughes as part of an overhaul of the scouting department.

Assistant general manager Kyle Dubas and director of player personnel Mark Hunter will share interim duties until the Leafs hire a new general manager.

The new GM will be tasked with overhauling a roster full of players that underperformed the past two seasons after making the playoffs in the lockoutshortened 2013 season. Veterans Phil Kessel, Dion

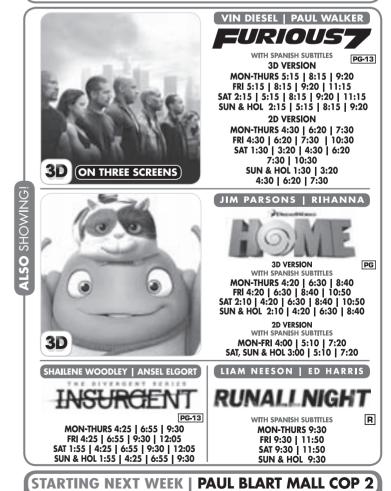
Phaneuf, Tyler Bozak and Joffrey Lupul could be among those traded.

"You know there's going to be change," Phaneuf said Saturday night.

Asked about the rebuilding effort the Leafs are about to embark on, goaltender Jonathan Bernier responded: "That's Shanny's question. I can't answer that." Shanahan began answering it by cleaning house Sunday.







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Jack Sock

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"It's never easy playing friends — (we) Americans are pretty close," Sock said on the court after being presented with the trophy. "It was a great match. I hope we play many more in the future. I've been through a lot ... a rough few months."

Sock, the Wimbledon doubles champion with Vasek Pospisil, was playing his first ATP singles final in only his third tournament of the season. He underwent surgery to repair a torn muscle in his hip in December and didn't return until Indian Wells last month.

In addition to rehabbing from the operation, older

brother Eric had a potentially fatal lung infection. Eric Sock came to Houston with him for the tournament.

"I've been battling through it for him," Sock said "Thanks for being here, Eric."

The 27-year-old Querrey, also finished second in the event in 2010. He served seven love games, but played several loose points in the two breaks he suffered. He also lost focus at crucial junctures in both tiebreakers, letting a 5-2 lead slip away in the first.

The match was interrupted for 2 hours, 20 minutes after a heavy thunderstorm soaked the courts, requiring major repairs. Sock was leading 30-love, having just belted an ace, but trailing 4-5 in games when play got stopped. After the



Sam Querrey returns a shot to Jack Sock in their championship match at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Houston. Associated Press

match resumed, he lost the first two points, the second on a double fault, but never seriously wobbled thereafter.



Cabrera rocks Cleveland, hits 2HRs in Tigers' win

By TOM WITHERS **AP Sports Writer**

Detroit's menacing slugger homered twice and drove in four runs as the Tigers moved to 6-0 for the first time in 30 years with an 8-5 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Cabrera, who entered the series batting just .182, hit a two-run homer in the first inning off T.J. House (0-1) and J.D. Martinez added an insurance solo shot in the ninth as the Tigers finished off a series sweep, improving to 18-5 in Cleveland since 2013.

Cabrera went 4 for 4 with his first two homers of the season, a double and single. With Cabrera needing a triple for the cycle, Indians manager Terry Francona intentionally walked him in the eighth even though there was a runner on first.

During the three-game series, he went 11 of 14 (.786) with six RBIs, and raised his average to .520.

"He's special, man. He's special," Tigers second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "He's fun to watch and a game should be sold out just because of him. People should just want to come watch him hit. It's incredible.'

Not to the Indians.

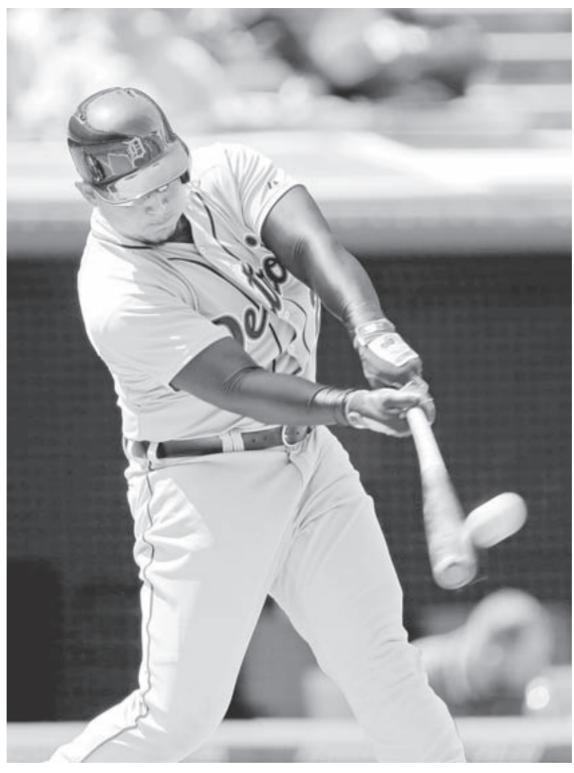
Cabrera pounds Cleveland pitching like no one else. For his career, he's batting .357 with 37 homers and 118 RBIs in 133 games against the Indians, who haven't figured out a way to even slow him down. Cabrera has 23 homers - the most by any player at Progressive Field, which had its right-field section remodeled during the winter. Cabrera threatened to renovate left field with his two homers.

Cabrera isn't just partial to Cleveland's ballpark.

"He's a freak anywhere we go, said.

The Tigers are 6-0 for the first time since 1985, and they've served early notice that they're going to give up their spot atop the AL Central without fight.

"I'll put it in perspective,"



Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera hits a two-run home run off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher T.J. House in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Cleveland.

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lost catcher Yan Gomes for at least six weeks with a sprained knee.

After the Indians pulled within 6-3 in the third, Cabrera led off the fourth with his second homer.

Francona said the Indians would have walked Cabrera when they could, but there weren't opportunities.

"He's that good a hitter and when he feels that good at the plate, that's a bad feeling," Francona

The top of Detroit's lineup did the majority of the early damage, as the Tigers top five hitters went 6 for 6 with six runs, a homer and three walks in the first two innings.

Detroit didn't let House get out of the second, rocking the left-hander for six runs and six hits in 1 1-3 innings - the shortest outing of his career.

Cabrera put the Tigers up 3-0 in the first with a 410foot shot onto the pedestrian plaza in left. No injuries were reported.

"I don't think it's just us. I don't think it's just our pitching," Indians second baseman Jason Kipnis said. "I said it to maybe Kinsler or someone on second, 'I'm glad we got to lock him back in' and he's like, 'You think you're the only team that locks him back in?' He's just a special hitter.''

MLS Roundup

Los Angeles beat Seattle 1-0

The Tigers jumped to a 6-0 lead after two innings, giv-**CARSON, California (AP)** — for Los Angeles after being ing Kyle Lobstein (1-0) a

manager Brad Ausmus

said. "It's the first week of

the season and I'm not

ready to throw any par-

comfortable cushion. Joa-

kim Soria worked the ninth

The Indians had a rough

opening weekend at home

in their spectacularly re-

modeled ballpark. In addi-

tion to being swept by the

division's four-time reigning

champions, All-Star out-

fielder Michael Brantley

missed two games with a

back issue and Cleveland

for his second save.

Alan Gordon scored midway through the first half back matches for the first in 2009. as the Los Angeles Galaxy time since 2012. two-game scoreless stretch in Major League Soccer.

In the 23rd minute, Omar Gonzalez headed a free kick toward the far post and an unmarked Gordon nodded it home in his 200th MLS appearance. It was the first goal in three games

held scoreless in back-to-

with an injury. United States captain Clint Dempsey sat out for the Sounders.

Jaime Penedo made 10 saves for the Galaxy, including a sliding block of Aaron Kovar's open attempt in the 87th minute. Seattle is winless in its last 10 games at Los Angeles — with its last win comina

In the day's only other held off the Seattle Sound- Gordon started in place of game, Orlando City rookie ers 1-0 on Sunday to end a Robbie Keane, who was out Cyle Larin scored in his first start and Kaka added a penalty in the Lions' 2-0 win over the Portland Timbers. Larin, the first overall pick in the MLS SuperDraft, scored in the 30th minute when he deflected a cross from Kevin Molino into the goal with

his chest.

Firms push tech solutions to fortify U.S. airport perimeters

MARTHA MENDOZA JUSTIN PRITCHARD Associated Press

Technology firms increasingly pitch new sensors and software to U.S. airports as a way to bolster exterior security and keep intruders out, but such digital barriers come with a hefty price tag and don't always work. An Associated Press investigation this week documented 268 instances in which people hopped over, crawled under, drove cars through or otherwise breached the fences and gates protecting the perimeters of 31 of the busiest U.S. airports from January 2004 through January 2015. How to address the problem is up for debate.

Fencing — typically a minimum of 6 feet (nearly 2 meters) high — surrounds U.S. airports, and it often is topped with barbed or razor wire. Additionally, security gates help restrict access to airfields.

Most major airports also use video cameras, and guards are supposed to patrol regularly — but staffing varies.

Differences in the facilities themselves present other security challenges: Some are edged by water, others busy business districts. In Las Vegas, the rowdy Strip is nearby, and Philadelphia's main airport is adjacent to a road that's the scene of illegal drag racing.

Some facilities do go beyond the basics. Located near the Texas-Mexico border, McAllen-Miller International Airport installed optic fibers in its fences in 2009 over concerns about violence spilling across the Rio Grande. The technology, which also is used at U.S. nuclear facilities, can immediately detect an intrusion and send an alert, said Samuel Kassey, vice president of one supplier, LaseOptics Corp.

Thermal imaging firms claim several major U.S. airports as clients, though they won't name which. By detecting heat, ther-

mal cameras can serve as a virtual trip wire and also improve nighttime visibility. In 2006, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, which oversees John F. Kennedy International, Newark Liberty, LaGuardia and Teterboro airports, awarded Raytheon a \$100-million contract for a much-touted "perimeter intrusion detection system." The system includes motion-detection cameras, "smart-fence" sensors, night-vision cameras, perimeter alarms — even a power subsystem to bypass outages, according to Raytheon's promotional materials.

The system has failed at least once. In that 2012 incident, a man whose watercraft ran out of fuel swam to shore, climbed an 8-foot (2.4 meter) fence at Kennedy and crossed two runways undetected before asking an airline employee for help.

The Port Authority eliminated perimeter patrols by airport police cars when the technology came online, but then reinstated them in response to the criticism, said Port Authority police union spokesman Bobby Egbert. He said that a lack of manpower remains a concern because there are gaps in the hours that police boats patrol around Kennedy and LaGuardia, both with waterfront runways.

Patrick Gannon, chief of police at Los Angeles International Airport, which had 24 perimeter breaches since 2004, said that in addition to regular patrols, his agency has upgraded fencing to make it harder to scale.q

While airport security analysts predict that spending on physical perimeter barriers will decline in coming years, they said the market for high-tech solutions is on the rise.

The biggest stumbling block may be money. An overhaul linking fences and video feeds to soft-

ware systems would cost between "a few million to less than \$10 million," said Chris Wooten, vice president of security at surveillance software provider NICE Systems.

Expensive technology is used at several airports outside of the U.S., including two that say they've never seen a perimeter breach.

Narita International Airport near Tokyo is considered one of the world's most secure. Its perimeter is protected by vibration sensors, which immediately alert security if tripped. That's in addition to 11.5-foot-high (3.5-meter-high) doublefencing of concrete, video surveillance and patrols. The prison-like security was built in the late 1960s and early '70s amid clashes between police and militants supporting farmers who refused to yield their land for runway construction.

The other secure airport is Israel's Ben Gurion, which had a string of Palestinian attacks on planes in the 1970s. It runs a ground radar system between two electronic fences, with



In this April 9, 2015 photo, crews install new, higher fencing around Mineta San Jose International Airport, the site of numerous security breaches in the past year, in San Jose, Calif.

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hundreds of sophisticated observation systems and hundreds of highly trained armed police and soldiers assigned strictly to the perimeter, said Shmuel Zakay, the airport's managing director, who said the cost totals more than \$200 million annually.

"Of course, the terrorist or-

ganizations are always trying to do whatever they can to hit aircraft. For them it doesn't matter if it is with explosive material in a passenger's suitcase or by firing a machine gun or anti-tank missile at a plane," Zakay said. "This is why we pay such close attention to perimeter security."

Clorox apologizes for 'emojis' tweet

BRANDON BAILEY AP Technology Writer SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Clorox has apologized for a social media misstep after the household products company sparked outrage by tweeting "where's the bleach" in reference to last week's introduction of new "emoji" cartoons for iPhones that include several faces of people with black and brown skin.

The maker of Clorox bleach and other products says it was attempting a humorous reference to other emoji symbols for objects like toilets and bathtubs that people use bleach to clean. But the corporate Twitter post hit a nerve when news reports and online discussions were focusing on the new collection of racially diverse faces



This screen shot made Thursday, April 9, 2015 on an iPhone 6 shows some of the new emojis available with the iOS 8.3 software update. The batch of more than 300 new emojis includes ones different skin tones and depictions of families with two moms or two dads.

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that have been added to the symbols people can use in emails and text messages.

"I didn't think it was malicious, but impact negates intent. This is someone being thoughtless, and really not focused on what was trending that day," said Jazzmen Knoderer, a 29-year-old program coordinator at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.



Tax Day extra difficult for many same-sex married couples

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A necessary burden for most Americans, Tax Day is an accounting nightmare for thousands of gay and lesbian couples as they wrestle with the uneven legal status of same-sex marriage in the United States.

They live in a country that recognizes their marriages, but some reside in the 13 states that do not, an issue that will be argued before the Supreme Court later this month.

At tax time, and Wednesday is the filing deadline, it gets complicated because most state income tax returns use information from a taxpayer's federal return.

Straight couples simply copy numbers from one form to another. But that doesn't work for same-sex couples reporting combined incomes, deductions and exemptions on their federal tax returns. These couples must untangle their finances on their state returns, where they are still considered single.

"We're adults, we're contributing to the welfare of society and yet, here's this one thing that just reaches up every year and kind of slaps us in the face," said Brian Wilbert, an Episcopal priest who lives in Oberlin, a small college town in northern Ohio.

Wilbert married his husband, Yorki Encalada, in 2012, at a ceremony in upstate New York. He is filing a joint federal tax return for the second time this year. But Ohio, which doesn't recognize same-sex marriages, requires the couple to file their state tax returns as if they were single.

"It may not be the most burning thing," Wilbert said. "But as we think about equality and marriage equality, this is an important thing because it's part of what couples do." The number of states that recognize same-sex marriages has grown to 37, plus the District of Columbia, since the Supreme Court struck down part of the federal Defense of Mar-



In this photo taken April 4, 2015, Rev. Brian K. Wilbert, right, and Yorki Encalada, hold their marriage certificate and tax forms at the Christ Episcopal Church in Oberlin, Ohio.

riage Act in 2013.

After the ruling, the IRS announced that it would recognize same-sex marriages for federal tax purposes, even if couples lived in states that did not.

The Supreme Court is scheduled hear arguments in another same-sex marriage case April 28. Advocates hope the court will compel the remaining states to recognize gay and lesbian marriages.

Opponents of same-sex marriage want the court to send the issue back to the states. They note that recognition of same-sex marriage has spread largely through court orders, rather than the ballot box.

"It's not about the rights of a handful of people who want to change the institution of marriage," said Phil Burress of Citizens for Community Values, an Ohio group. "It's about the will of the people."

The benefits of marriage are a mixed baa when it comes to taxes. Some couples, especially those with disparate incomes, can lower their combined are dealing with these istax bills by getting married. Others pay a marriage penalty.

The vast majority of married couples in the U.S. file times called dummy rejoint federal tax returns in which they combine their

incomes, exemptions, deductions and credits to calculate their tax liability. But same-sex couples are not allowed to file joint tax returns in most states that don't recognize their marriages. Instead, they have to unravel their finances and file separate state returns.

"So you have this one return that would normally give you the numbers to do your state tax return, but instead you have to split all your incomes again and pretend like you're not married," said Deb L. Kinney, a partner at the law firm of Johnston, Kinney & Zulaica in San Francisco.

"Your health care benefits will be taxed differently and your credits will be different. Your interest deduction could be different. and then you have to go through the allocation on each return," Kinney said. "It's much more expensive and cumbersome."

With the tax filing deadline approaching on Wednesday, states that don't recognize same-sex marriages sues in different ways. Five states require same-sex couples to fill out multiple federal tax returns, someturns, so they can come up with the appropriate numbers for their state returns. This is how it works in Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan and Nebraska.

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First, a same-sex couple fills out a joint federal income tax return, just like any other married couple. This is the return they file with the

Next, each spouse fills out a separate federal return as if the filer was single. Information from these returns is used to fill out state income tax returns, which are filed as if each was single.

"You have to literally make out five returns and file three," said Scott Squillace, a tax lawyer who wrote a legal guide for gay and lesbian couples called, "Whether To Wed."

"It's dizzying."

There's more.

"If someone with a joint bank account writes a check for a charitable donation, the question is, do you split it 50-50? Or is it that person's deduction when they file a single return?" said Arianne Plasencia, a tax lawyer at the Carlton

Fields law firm in Miami. Kansas, North Dakota and Ohio take a different approach. These states provide worksheets that samesex couples must complete to separate their finances. In Ohio, the form has 31 lines, though most couples don't need to fill out every

"There is no way that I, as a Joe Q. Public, who happens to be gay and in a same-gender marriage, would figure out how to fill this form out," said Wilbert, the Episcopal priest. "I mean, it's just impossible." Wilbert said he had to hire an accountant to do his taxes for the first time in his life. "I also had to get an extension, which I never had to do."

The issue is moot in South Dakota because there is no state income tax. It's less of an issue in Arkansas and Mississippi because these states don't use information from federal returns on their state income tax forms.

Alabama has same-sex married couples divide the income and taxes they report on their federal returns, based on each spouses' share of their combined income.

Missouri doesn't recognize same-sex marriages, but Gov. Jay Nixon issued an executive order requiring gay and lesbian couples to file joint state tax returns if they file a joint federal return.

This is much simpler than in other states. But what if filing as a married couple causes your taxes to go nbŝ

"For the people it hurts, how unfair," said Janis Cowhey, a law partner at the Marcum accounting firm in New York. "You won't recognize my marriage, but you're going to make me pay more in taxes because I got married somewhere else."





Injuring the

Quest for Justice?



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This week the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism issued its damning report about the journalistic lapses by Rolling Stone magazine when it published a salacious, and now-discredited, story about a supposed gang rape at a University of Virginia frat house.

The report blasted the magazine for failing to engage in "basic, even routine journalistic practice" to verify the veracity of the story. This only amplified the finger pointing of those who believe the issue of college rape is an overhyped fallacy or an ideological instrument, and the handwringing among activists who fear real damage to a real issue. Last year, Kevin D. Williamson wrote in National Review under the headline "The Rape Epidemic Is a Fiction" that the issue of sexual assault on college campuses was "bound up in a broader feminist Kulturkampf only tangentially related to the very real problem of sexual violence against women." He cited what he called the "thoroughly debunked claim that 1 in 5 women will be sexually assaulted in her college years," a claim repeated by President Barack Obama, as part of his evidence.

However, it should be noted that The Washington Post Fact Checker has refused to rule on the reliability of that claim, saying only that: "Readers should be aware that this oft-cited statistic comes from a Web-based survey of two large universities, making it problematic to suggest that it is representative of the experience of all college women."

The Fact Checker went on to say: "As an interesting article from the University of Minnesota-Duluth newspaper makes clear, sexual violence is too rarely reported. So the White House should be applauded for calling attention to this issue."

A Fox News host last month even suggested that the Rolling Stone story was evidence that "there is a war happening on boys on these college campuses."

On the other side, the author of the Rolling Stone article acknowledged the effect her story may have on sexual assault victims, writing in a statement: "I hope that my mistakes in reporting this story do not silence the voices of victims that need to be heard." Sexual assault on college campuses is not the only issue to be caught in the cultural crossfire

when some of the facts of a well-publicized case unravel. The same could be said of the Michael Brown/Darren Wilson case in Ferguson, Missouri. Protests born in the wake of Brown's killing by Wilson frequently invoked the phrase "hands up, don't shoot," a reference to the posture that some witnesses said was held by Brown when he was shot. The Department of Justice found little evidence to support that narrative.

Sheriff David Clarke of Milwaukee went on Fox News to declare a "war on our nation's finest, the American police officer" based on a "false narrative out of Ferguson, Missouri, this 'hands up, don't shoot.'" He continued, "We know now for a fact that that never happened."

Jonathan Capehart of The Washington Post wrote a much-talkedabout column under the headline "'Hands Up, Don't Shoot' Was Built On a Lie." And yet, Capehart was careful to make this caveat: "Yet this does not diminish the importance of the real issues unearthed in Ferguson by Brown's death. Nor does it discredit what has become the larger 'Black Lives Matter.'"

Cases like these raise the questions: What happens when one particular case is shown to have flaws although the overall condition that it illustrated holds true? How much damage is done when ammunition is given to deniers? How do you balance an impulse toward immediate empathy with the patience necessary for a reservation of judgment until a proper investigation can be performed?

Is there an ultimately unhealthy need to identify a "catalyst case" that will shock the conscience and lay waste to civic apathy, a case that will arrest the sensibilities of the weary and dispassionate and move them to action? I would argue that the integrity of truth and the honor of righteousness know no era. They don't need to win the moment because they will always win the ages.

And therefore, these cases stand as cautionary markers that we can never be so eager to have our convictions confirmed that deliberation is abandoned and our truth-detectors are disarmed. That goes for those in the media as well as the public. Sometimes justice dictates a glacial fortitude, even in a modern period of instant gratification.

In these cases, the error must be acknowledged and absorbed without distorting the mission. One measure of the merits of a movement and a cause are their resilience in the face of tumult, their ability to take a blow and scamper back to their feet, to stay homed in on the beacon of light even after the darkness falls. Remember what Malcolm X said: "I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it is for or against." When you are in honest pursuit of justice, the truth will never hurt you.



Economics and Elections

pens, there and everywhere else:



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Britain's economic performance since the financial crisis struck has been startlingly bad. A tentative recovery began in 2009, but it stalled in 2010. Although growth resumed in 2013, real income per capita is only now reaching its level on the eve of the crisis - which means that Britain has had a much worse track record since 2007 than it had during the Great Depression. Yet as Britain prepares to go to the polls, the leaders of the coalition government has ruled the country since 2010 are posing as the guardians of prosperity, the people who really know how to run the economy. And they are, by and large, getting away with it. There are some important lessons here, not just for Britain but for all democracies struggling to manage their economies in difficult times. I'll get to those lessons in a minute. But first, let's ask how a British government with such a poor economic record can manage to run on its supposed economic achievements. Well, you could blame the weakness of the opposition, which has done an absolutely terrible job of making its case. You could blame the fecklessness of the news media, which has gotten much wrong. But the truth is that what's happening in British politics is what almost always hap-

Voters have fairly short memories, and they judge economic policy not by long-term results but by recent growth. Over five years, the coalition's record looks terrible. But over the past couple of quarters it looks pretty good, and that's what matters politically. In making these assertions, I'm not engaged in casual speculation -I'm drawing on a large body of political science research, mainly focused on presidential contests in the United States but clearly applicable elsewhere. This research debunks almost all the horserace narratives beloved by political pundits - never mind who wins the news cycle, or who appeals to the supposed concerns of independent voters. What mainly matters is income growth immediately before the election. And I mean immediately: We're talking about something less than a year, maybe less than half a year. This is, if you think about it, a distressing result, because it says that there is little or no political reward for good policy. A nation's leaders may do an excellent job of economic stewardship for four or five years yet get booted out because of weakness in the last two quarters beforethe election. In fact, the evidence suggests that the politically smart thing might well be to impose a pointless depression on your country for much of your time in office, solely to leave room for a roaring recovery just before voters go to the polls. Actually, that's a pretty good description of what the current British aovernment has done, although it's not clear that it was deliberate. The point, then, is that elections - which are supposed to hold politicians accountable - don't seem to fulfill that function very well when it comes to economic policy. But can anything be done about this weakness? One possible answer, which appeals to many pundits, might

be to remove economic policymaking from the political sphere and turn it over to nonpartisan elite commissions. This presumes, however, that elites know what they are doing - and it's hard to see what, in recent events, might make you believe that. After all, American elites spent years in the thrall of Bowles-Simpsonism, a completely misplaced obsession over budget deficits. European elites, with their commitment to punitive austerity, have been even worse. A better, more democratic answer would be to seek a betterinformed electorate. One really striking thing about the British economic debate is the contrast between what passes for economic analysis in the news media - even in high-end newspapers and on elite-oriented TV shows and the consensus of professional economists. News reports often portray recent growth as a vindication of austerity policies, but surveys of economists find only a small minority agreeing with that assertion. Claims that budget deficits are the most important issue facing Britain are made as if they were simple assertions of fact, when they are actually contentious, if not foolish. So reporting on economic issues could and should be vastly better. But political scientists would surely scoff at the idea that this would make much difference to election outcomes, and they're probably right. What, then, should those of us who study economic policy and care about real-world outcomes do? The answer, surely, is that we should do our jobs: Try to get it right, and explain our answers as clearly as we can. Realistically, the political impact will usually be marginal at best. Bad things will happen to good ideas, and vice versa. So be it. Elections determine who has the power, not who has the truth.q

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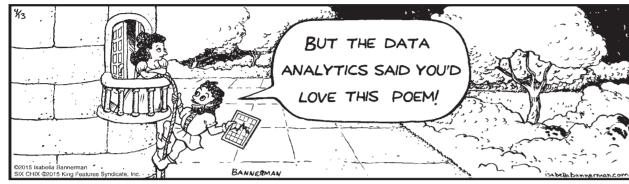
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This undated file artist rendering made available by the TMT Observatory Corporation shows the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope, planned to be built atop Mauna Kea, a large dormand volcano in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii in Hawaii. **Associated Press**

Hawaii governor says telescope-construction timeout extended

AUDREY McAVOY Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii Gov. David Ige said Saturday that a nonprofit company planning to build one of the world's largest telescopes atop a mountain many Native Hawaiians consider sacred will maintain a moratorium on construction for another week.

Ige initially announced what he called a timeout on construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope at Mauna Kea, a dormant volcano on the Big Island, on Tuesday after law enforcement arrested more than 30 protesters opposing the project.

As the weekend arrived,

he said the company told him it will further postpone construction until April 20. "I thank TMT for its willingness to be respectful and sensitive to all of Hawaii its special people, its sense of place and its unique host culture," the governor said in a statement.

Kealoha Pisciotta, the president of Mauna Kea Anaina Hou and a telescope opponent, welcomed the opportunity for all sides to reflect.

Ige issued his statement from the town of Hilo, near Mauna Kea. He flew to Hilo on Saturday to attend the Merrie Monarch Festival, the state's biggest hula competition, said Jodi Leong, a spokeswoman.

The Thirty Meter Telescope is a California nonprofit formed by the University of California and the California Institute of Technoloay. Institutions in Canada, China, India and Japan signed on as partners and would receive a share of observing time. It selected Mauna Kea as the site for the observatory over Chile's Cerro Armazones mountain in 2009.

The Thirty Meter Telescope has received state construction permits and a sublease for the land from the University of Hawaii, which manages the area at the top of the mountain. Native Hawaiians have filed lawsuits against the project. One is pending before the state's Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Opponents recently also started demonstrating on the mountain. Last week, state and county police arrested 20 people for blocking the road to prevent construction vehicles from reaching the summit. Another 11 protesters were arrested for refusing to leave the construction site at the summit.

Scientists say Mauna Kea's summit above most clouds offers some of the world's best conditions for viewing the skies. But some Native Hawaiians believe their creation story begins atop the mountain. It's also a burial site for ancestors and a home to deities.

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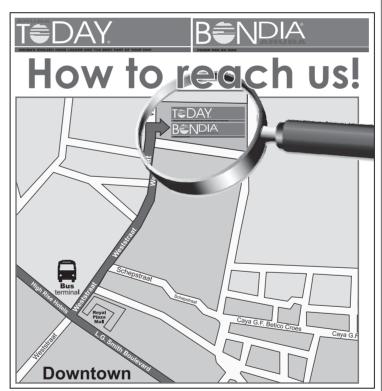
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U.S. researchers say permafrost carbon release will be gradual

DAN JOLING Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Frozen Arctic and sub-Arctic soil that thaws from global warming will add substantial amounts of carbon to the atmosphere in the form of greenhouse gases, accelerating climate change the rest of the century, but it won't come in a sudden burst, researchers say in a new paper.

A review by government and academic experts concludes that harmful carbon dioxide and methane generated by microbes digesting thawed plant and animal material will instead enter the atmosphere gradually. But it's a carbon source that shouldn't be ignored, said Dave McGuire, a senior researcher at the U.S. Geological Survey and a professor of ecology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

"The estimates that we came up in this synthesis suggest that throughout the rest of this century, it could be on the order of the magnitude of what tropical deforestation currently affects the global carbon cycle," McGuire said.

McGuire is co-lead author and one of 17 researchers who worked on a research paper with these conclusions that appeared this week in the journal Nature. The paper is an outcome of the Permafrost Carbon Network, a group of more than 200 scientists from 88 research institutions in 17 countries who for four years have studied changes in the Arctic. The other lead author is Ted Schuur of Northern Arizona University.

Most global warming is tied to the burning of fossil fuels. Tropical deforestation — the clearing of dense rainforest to make room for farms,

to harvest timber or to create urban areas — is blamed for about one-tenth the warming brought on by burning fossil fuels.

That substantial amount is expected to be matched by the effects of melting permafrost, or permanently frozen ground, scientists said.

As the climate warms and permafrost thaws, microbes decompose sius), according to research cited. Researchers wanted to find out how much carbon is contained in permafrost, how fast it's likely to be released and in what form it will be released.

They also addressed some researchers' suggestions of a huge greenhouse gas release associated with warming. adapt. But the substantial amount of carbon released into the atmosphere should be important information for scientists forecasting future warming and policy-makers who set targets for reduction of fossil fuel consumption.

"If they decide to do that to meet some targets, and they don't take this into account, they will under-



In this June 15, 2014 photo, a polar bear dries off after taking a swim in the Chukchi Sea in Alaska.

Associated Press

organic material in permafrost, releasing carbon dioxide or more potent methane. Those greenhouse gases create additional warming. In the last 30 years, permafrost in Alaska, Russia and other Arctic regions has warmed nearly 11 degrees Fahrenheit (over 6 degrees Celsius), climbing from an average temperature just under 18 degrees Fahrenheit (-8 Celsius) to just over 28 degrees Fahrenheit (-2.2 Cel-

"People have been sort of proposing that there's a potential for a 'permafrost bomb,' " McGuire said, a surge that could quickly cause trillions in economic damage to roads, buildings, runways and other infrastructure built on frozen ground.

"Our research indicates that's not likely," he said.

A gradual and prolonged release will give Arctic communities time to

estimate the amount of effort required to meet those targets," Mc-Guire said.

Many unknowns remain, he said. An increase in forest fires could result in faster permafrost thaw. On the other hand, longer growing seasons could mean more vegetation and more absorption of carbon that could counter output from thawing permafrost, he said.





'Furious 7' keeps speed, tops box office with \$60.6M

JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The high-octane thriller "Furious 7" maintained speed in its second week, racing away with \$60.6 million at North American theaters and bringing its box-office total to a robust \$252.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Universal's "Furious 7" more than lapped the competition. The only new wide release of the weekend, the rodeo romance "The Longest Ride," opened with \$13.5 million. That was good enough for third place for the Fox release, which stars Clint Eastwood's son, Scott Eastwood. In second was the DreamWorks animated alien adventure "Home," which pulled in \$19 million in its third week of release. But "Furious 7" continued to dominate the marketplace, dropping only 59 percent from its remarkable \$147.2 million debut last weekend. Globally, it has already crossed \$800 million in its first two weeks of release, according to Universal. The weekend international total — an eye-popping \$195 million — was boosted by the film premiering in China on Sunday, where it earned an estimated \$68.6 million in just one day.

Over 10 days, "Furious /, which prominently features a tribute to the late actor Paul Walker, has already out-grossed all previous installments of the 14-yearold franchise. At its current pace, "Furious 7" will likely become the highest



This photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, from left, Tyrese Gibson as Roman, Michelle Rodriguez as Letty, Paul Walker as Brian, and Chris Ludacris as Tej, in a scene from "Furious 7."

Associated Press

grossing film in Universal's history. The studio's "Jurassic Park," from 1993, holds Universal's mark with \$1.02 billion worldwide.

It's a summer blockbustersized result for "Furious 7." but by opening in April, it has little competition in its way. On a much smaller scale, the critically acclaimed science-fiction film "Ex Machina" drew the year's largest theater average of \$62,489 in four theaters. Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Cana-

Rentrak. Where available, numbers for Friday through

dian theaters, according to the latest international Sunday are also included.

Legal fight brews over important grunge-era master tapes

SEATTLE (AP) — The co- A&M Records filed the law- brother, won't give up the founder of a famed Seattle suit in U.S. District Court last master tapes. recording studio is being sued to turn over the master recording tapes from a defining album of the grunge era — "Temple of the Dog," which featured members of Pearl Jam and Soundgarden.

week, The Seattle Times reported.

The company said it bought the album from the supergroup in 1991, but Rajan Parashar,

who launched London Bridge Studios with his

The band Temple of the Dog was founded in 1990 by Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell, who was joined by future members of Pearl Jam, including Eddie Vedder, who had just moved to Seattle.

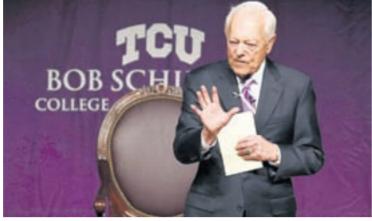


CBS political director John Dickerson new show host

DAVID BAUDER Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS News moved swiftly Sunday after Bob Schieffer's retirement announcement to name the network's political director, John Dickerson, as the new moderator for the long-running Sunday morning news show, "Face the Nation."

Dickerson, a former Time magazine and Slate writer who has been with CBS since 2009, will begin his new role early this summer. Schieffer, who made the announcement about his successor on Sunday's show, noted that Dickerson "sure has the right bloodlines" for the assignment. Dickerson's mother. Nancy, was the first female correspondent in the CBS News Washington bureau. Schieffer, the 78-year-old chief Washington correspondent of CBS News. announced Wednesday that he would be leaving the job early this summer. Schieffer has been with CBS News since 1969 and



Bob Schieffer opens the Schieffer Symposium on the News at TCU on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in Fort Worth, Texas.

ator since 1991.

Dickerson's reporting ability, and the fact that he spends his weeks immersed political coverage, made him a natural for the job, CBS News President David Rhodes said Sunday. Washington-based Sunday morning public affairs shows are hotly competitive, with "Face" often beating NBC's "Meet the Press" and ABC's "This Week" in the ratings.

It was important for CBS to establish its new Sunday host quickly with the 2016

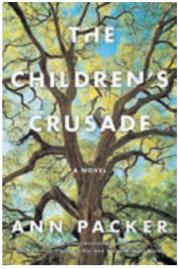
"Face the Nation" moder- presidential Associated Press campaign starting in earnest, Rhodes said. C

> While one of Dickerson's competitors, George Stephanopoulos at ABC, also works as host of the weekday "Good Morning America," CBS chose not to split its duties.

> Dickerson's other competitor is another rookie and political junkie, Chuck Todd, who replaced David Gregory last fall as "Meet the Press" moderator

> John Dickerson said he's "honored and excited" by the new job.

Gorgeous writing gives power to flat, rushed novel



This book cover image released by Scribner shows "The Children's Crusade." by Ann Packer.

Associated Press

KIM CURTIS **Associated Press**

Ann Packer's new novel tells the story of a family set against the stunning landscape of pre-Silicon Valley Northern California.

Pediatrician Bill falls in love first with a plot of land and second with artist Penny and together they raise four children. "The Children's Crusade," which seamlessly navigates between present and past as well as points of view, is a beautifully written ode to a time and place.

"The road leveled off, and a path beckoned him to leave the car and make his way to a clearing where a magnificent oak tree stood guard," Packer about Bill's discovery of his future home. "The oak

was the most splendid tree he'd ever seen, its gnarled branches snaking every which way."

The novel centers on the complicated story of a marriage and its children - each raised by seemingly different sets of parents who, over decades, both evolve "every which way" as individuals while they move together and grow apart as a couple. But the six main characters

feel hastily drawn, reduced almost to caricatures.

The emotionally absent mother is particularly frustrating as the source of her discontent is never fully understood and readers are left with a one-dimensional portrait of a cold, uncaring and selfish woman who may not have wanted children in the first place. The salt-of-the-earth father feels too solid, too consistent, too unflappable. The family's rounded out by the reliable eldest son, the toosensitive middle son, the straight-shooter daughter and the always-troubled youngest boy.

Packer has said it took her more than a decade to write "The Dive From Clausen's Pier," her near-perfect first novel. But her third feels rushed. And at 400 pages, perhaps it is simply too short a novel for Packer to gracefully unfold the sweeping story she wanted to tell.

Rapper and reality TV star Nelly arrested on drug charges

The Associated Press NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

 Rapper and reality TV star Nelly is facing felony drug charges after being arrested in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol said in a news release that Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Haynes, was pulled over about 9:20 a.m. Saturday because the bus he was riding in failed to display a U.S. Department of Transportation and International Fuel Tax Association sticker.

According to the statement, troopers smelled guns. marijuana when they reached the bus.

When troopers searched the bus, they found five rocks that tested positive for meth, as well as a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Troopers also say they



In March 13, 2015, file photo, U.S. rapper Nelly approaches the stage for a concert in Irbil, northern Iraq.

The St. Louis native is facing charges including felony possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. His attorney, however, said he expects Nelly to be exonerated.

"We are extremely confident that when the facts

found numerous hand- come out, Nelly will not be associated with the contraband that was allegedly discovered," attorney Scott Rosenblum said in a written statement via publicist Juliette Harris.

> Nelly, 40, was released from Putnam County Jail on a \$10,000 bond. His next court date is June 19.

Akon show called off in Kuwait after pressure from lawmakers

KUWAIT CITY (AP) - A planned concert by Akon was called off in Kuwait after conservative lawmakers criticized it on moral

The American singer whose hits include "Smack That" and "I Wanna Love You" was scheduled to headline a weekend event also featuring local performers to raise awareness about the dangers of phone use while driving.

One of the organizers, Reema al-Yacoub, told The Associated Press on Sunday that authorities called off the show late last week but did not give a clear explanation.

Members of parliament had pressed authorities to stop the performance, with one, Humood al-Hamdan, telling local paper Al Rai that children need protection from the influence of "negative people."





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